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COLCHESTER (COLCHESTER DIVISION) PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1956.

Section 1. Staff As for last year Table A.

Section 2. Amount of shipping entering the port during year.

Table B. Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Inspected M. O. H.	P. H.Insp.	No. having had infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports	134	20,472	nil	7	
Coastwise	1920	157,852	nil	108	nil
	2054	178,324	nil	115	nil

Table C. Passenger traffic Nil inward or outward

Cargo traffic Principal imports ; Clay, coal, timber, petrol and corn.
Principal exports ; Gravel, sand and flour.

Principal ports from which ships arrive :- London, Newcastle and Fur (Denmark)

Sections 4 to 8 incl. as previously.

Section 9. Table D. Nil throughout.

Sections 10 and 11. As last year

Section 12 as for 1955.

Table E. Nil throughout
Table F. As for 1955

Section 13 : Inspection of ships for nuisances Table G.

Nature of Inspections.	Number	Notices served Statutory;	Informal	Result of serving notices
Sanitary defects	112	nil	18	Cleansing and repair carried out.
Rat infestation	112	nil	nil	Verbal advice given.
Special ; Water boats	3	nil	2	

General remarks. The cleanliness of vessels entering the port has reached a satisfactory level even though some of the older vessels leave much to be desired in standards for sanitary and washing accommodation particularly in barge traffic. Most of the defects consist of minor faults in sanitary accommodation and in cooking facilities. No evidence of heavy rat infestation was encountered during the year. A small number of foreign vessels entered the port with recently expired Rat Certificates or ones which expire during their stay in the port. These ships were inspected for evidence of rat infestation and then directed to an authorised port for the issue of a formal exemption certificate.

A number of water samples were submitted for examination in connection with the fitting out of an Admiralty vessel.

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